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## Lava Beds National Monument News Release

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Caldwell Fire Contained at Lava Beds

TULELAKE, California-The 11 acre Caldwell Fire is now 75% contained. The crews have initiated cleanup efforts on the lightning caused fire that started about two miles from the campground in Lava Beds National Monument the evening of July 1.

Fires in sage steppe and grassland, which make up much of Lava Beds National Monument, grow and travel quickly making them potentially dangerous. These fires also, however, finish quickly as fuels burn up quicker than forest fires.

As the Fourth of July holiday approaches, it is good to remember your safety and the safety of others. The severe drought and heat could cause unexpected fires. As a reminder, fireworks are prohibited in the monument.

The campground has reopened. Only a two mile section of the Three Sisters trail in the immediate vicinity of the fire remains closed today while fire fighters continue to remove the hose laid out for fire protection. All other trails are now open. The monument, visitor center, roads, caves, and trails remain open.

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Lava Beds National Monument, established in 1925, is a land of turmoil, both geologic and historic. Over the last half-million years, volcanic eruptions have created a rugged landscape dotted with diverse volcanic features. Lava tube caves, Native American sites, historic battlefields and a high desert wilderness experience await you!

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